

Appl. No. 10/644,075

Reply to Office Action dated June 1, 2004

Response dated September 1, 2004

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 1, 2004. Claims 1-31 are pending in the application. The Examiner indicates that claims 1-12, 16-18 and 23-31 are rejected. Claims 13-15 and 19-22 are objected to. In response to the objection to the specification at page 2, an amendment is being filed herewith to refer to the application number 09/867,185 as now U.S. Patent No. 6,609,671.

Claim 10 has been amended to remove the incorrectly positioned date information.

In claim 23, the second occurrence of "c" has been changed to f.

The Examiner indicates that claims 9 and 10, if allowable, would cause claims 30 and 31 to be objected to as a substantial duplicate thereof. Claims 30 and 31 have thus been canceled.

The Examiner rejects claims 12, 16 and 26 under 35 USC section 112. The Examiner suggested certain changes to claims 12 and 16 of page 3. Those claim changes have been made by amendment.

With respect to claim 26, the Examiner states that said spinning reel lacks positive antecedent basis in the claims. Claim 26 has been amended and is now believed proper.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-12, 17, 18 and 23-31 as unpatentable over claims 1-26 of U.S. Patent No. 6,609,671 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting. A terminal disclaimer is being filed herewith in order to overcome the obviousness type double patenting rejection. The Examiner indicates that claims 13-16 and 19-22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In view of the filing of the terminal disclaimer, it is submitted that there are no art rejections with respect to claims 1-12, and thus claims 13-16 are allowable as depending from one of claims 1-12. Similarly, it is believed that claims 19-22 are allowable as depending from one of claims 17-18 which are now allowable in view of the filing of the terminal disclaimer.

Reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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